

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Colorado's Wholesale and Retail Industry

*An estimated **60,000** immigrants work in Colorado's wholesale and retail industry, making up **12%** of Colorado's wholesale and retail workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Colorado's wholesale and retail industry.** Some 19,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in Colorado's wholesale and retail industry, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

**Dreamers**—undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children before 2021 and are either in school or have graduated from high school—number 6,000 workers in Colorado's wholesale and retail industry. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 2,000 workers in Colorado's wholesale and retail industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants working in Colorado's wholesale and retail industry are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

**Immigrant groups protected from deportation**—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 11,000 wholesale and retail industry workers in Colorado.**

**\$2.3 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

**\$0.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

**6,000**

Self-employed immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers